

TEN LIVES SACRIFICED IN FIRE AT ST. JOHNSBURY

Five Persons Badly Injured One Probably Fatally

In Fire that Destroyed Citizens Bank Building at St. Johnsbury Early This Forenoon, With a Property Loss of \$50,000.

SIX BODIES FOUND IN HEAP IN THE RUINS

Fire Started in Restaurant—Electric Wires Hindered Work of Firemen—Same Territory Burned Over 17 Years Ago, Two Fatalities.

St. Johnsbury, Oct. 30.—Ten lives were lost and five other persons were seriously injured, one of whom will probably die, in a \$50,000 fire which swept the Citizens' Savings bank on Railroad street this morning. It was seventeen years ago to-day that a fire swept the same east side of Railroad street from the railroad station to Harvey's store, entailing a big loss and causing two deaths.

To-day's Dead.
Charles T. Ranlet, aged 35, proprietor of the Ranlet Press.
F. E. Darling, 40, employee of the Fairbanks Scale Works.
Charles Tanner, a painter.
Mrs. Charles Tanner.
F. D. Cushman, brick mason.
Mrs. F. D. Cushman.
The Cushman child.
Miss Rose Massey, restaurant waiter.
Miss May Sleeper, restaurant waiter.
An unknown Hardwick girl.

The Badly Wounded.
William Pope, proprietor restaurant, burned on face, body and hands.
Leonard Pope, aged 15, son of William Pope, terribly burned and will probably die.
Roy Smith, burned badly about face and slightly about hands.
Mrs. Jeannette Davis, mother of Mrs. John M. Corbitt of Barre; burned and is in serious condition at Brightlook hospital.
Mrs. Carl M. Howe, burned but not taken to hospital.

Two Fell from Building.
Of the dead, Mr. Ranlet and Mr. Darling were killed while striving to get out of the burning structure, while the other eight were caught before they could leave. The rooms of the Ranlets were on the fourth floor of the building and when Mr. and Mrs. Ranlet were awakened they rushed to the windows, their escape by the stairway being cut off by flames, as well as the fire-escape. Mrs. Ranlet descended by rope until she was reached by Daniel Ring, who had gone up to the top of a ladder. She was carried down safely, but is now terribly distracted over the death of her husband.

Mr. Ranlet tried to go down by a rope also and had got partly down when his feet struck a window-ledge. Thinking perhaps that he had slipped on a ladder where there were rescuers to receive him, he loosened his hold on the rope and fell backwards to the sidewalk. He struck on his head just in front of the police station, his skull being fractured and death ensuing very soon.

Mr. Darling occupied quarters on the fifth floor, back, and when he saw escape cut off by the stairs, he tried to climb down the side of the building by clinging to the window-ledge and the brick. He could not hold on and fell from a great height, being injured so badly that he died two hours later when taken to an undertaking shop. He was formerly employed on the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad, but had recently gone to work for the scale factory.

Of the other dead, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tanner had not lived in St. Johnsbury very long, while the Cushman had just come to town, the man to work as a brick mason on the new armory. Miss May Sleeper had just finished work in the Stokker restaurant,

while Miss Massey was one of the employees there.

The tenth was a girl from Hardwick who was visiting one of the victims. It is not positively known that she was in the building, but there seems to be pretty good ground for believing that she was one of the victims, as she was known to have been there and has not been seen since the fire. Her name is not known at present.

Fire Started in Restaurant.
It was in the Stokker restaurant, conducted by Stokker & Son, that the fire started, probably about the range in the kitchen, as a fire is kept there all night. The flames were first discovered by Arthur Robinson, a railroad switchman, who was at work in the railroad yard near by. He ran to the police station in the same building, and the policemen and others who were hastily aroused rushed into the building to warn the twenty-five occupants of their danger.

That so many lives were lost was due to the fact that the flames, after starting in the Stokker restaurant, soon crept to the elevator shaft and by this means were carried clear to the top of the building in very quick time. Many of those higher up in the building were caught like rats in a trap.

The fire alarm was rung in at four o'clock, and all the firemen and a great many citizens rallied to the rescue work. The running-up of the ladders was greatly hindered by the mass of wires which were strung just in front of the building. The people worked frantically to get at the imprisoned people, and the scenes were heart-rending. Those who got out alive had to rush through walls of flames and dense volumes of smoke to the exits, and few got through without sustaining more or less serious burns.

Property Damage.
Meanwhile the firemen were pouring tons of water into the tremendous furnace, but the worst of the flames had been so complete that they could not check them until they had burned down to the first or ground floor. Presently the roof fell in, carrying down a huge mass of debris in which the remains of eight victims were buried. Not a thing was saved from the second story to the top of the building, while the stores on the ground floor and the offices and restaurants in the basement are so badly flooded and smoked that the loss is likely to be total in them.

The vault of the Citizens' Savings bank was not injured, however, and the bank officials announced this forenoon that they would resume business in another location on Monday. Practically all the things of value in the bank were in the vault, so that the loss to the bank's customers will be nothing.

Not so well did the other occupants of the ground floor fare. There were Lurelin & Lurelin's jewelry store and the dry goods store of James Ritchie, and the latter's loss will be well nigh total. In the basement was the restaurant of C. E. Stinkler & Son, where the fire started, the barber shop and ticket business of John Bernier, the police station, and the meat market of C. M. Howe.

Mr. Howe and wife occupied quarters up stairs and the escape of his wife from death was one of the thrilling incidents of the fire. She ran nearly to the main stairway and then fell, fainting, to the bottom of the last staircase, being then dragged to safety by her husband. She sustained some burns.

On the second floor of the building were the offices of Howe & Hovey, attorneys, G. C. Frye, attorney, Dr. C. M. Richardson, dentist, H. F. Hatch, insurance, Metropolitan Life Insurance company, A. B. Noyes, insurance, G. A. R. hall, and the rooms of Sheridan company, Knights of Columbus. Everything there was a loss.

On the third floor were the tenements of Mrs. Jeannette Davis, Mrs. Annie Hill, Charles Ranlet, and Mr. Howe. On the upper floor were Mrs. Leo Debray, F. D. Cushman's family, and L. E. Darling. The fire escape was placed on the back of the building last spring, but the location of the fire about the elevator shaft cut off the approaches to the escape, and it proved to be of no value. The elevator had been out of commission for some time.

To show how hard put to it were the firemen and rescuers, it is only necessary to state one instance. A ladder was run up, but could not be placed near the building because of the mass of wires. Therefore, a fireman mounted the ladder and drawing another ladder up over his head steadied it while an imprisoned man was taken down from one of the top windows. Many of the rescuers worked with great bravery and with no thought for their own safety.

Found Six Bodies in Heap.
The building was owned by the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust company, which carried an insurance of \$50,000. It is probable that the bank will re-build, as soon as the ruins had cooled sufficiently, the search for the missing people was started, and was soon rewarded by the finding of six bodies lying near together and toward the approach to the fire escape in the rear.

All of them were burned beyond recognition, but one was eventually identified as that of Mr. Tanner by means of a watch which was found in his clothing. The bodies were surrounded and covered with dirt. Mr. Tanner, being a member

of the painters' union, will be buried by the union.

That left two bodies still to be found, one being that of a regular lodger in the building and the other being that of the girl from Hardwick.

SIXTEEN FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS
Seven Dwelling Houses Were Burned in South Boston Last Evening and Loss Was \$30,000.

Boston, Oct. 30.—Sixteen families, a total of 80 persons, were made homeless seven dwellings were destroyed or badly damaged, a large stable containing a valuable horse was wrecked, a dozen mercantile and manufacturing plants and hundreds of tenement houses were endangered during a fire in the Washington Village section of South Boston last night.

WOUND PROVED FATAL TO VERMONT HUNTER

Fred Harris of Westminster Died in Hospital at Brattleboro, Having Been Shot By His Son Accidentally Last Tuesday.

Brattleboro, Oct. 30.—Fred Harris of Westminster died in the Memorial hospital yesterday as the result of being accidentally shot by his son Robert Harris 16, in Westminster Tuesday afternoon while they were deer hunting. Mr. Harris and his son, with four other hunters, went to Wellington hill and were sitting quietly awaiting developments when the accident happened. The boy was sitting about a rod away from his father with his 28 calibre high power rifle across his knees, cocked and loaded and ready for business.

Without an instant's warning and without any apparent movement on the part of the boy the rifle was discharged and the bullet struck the father on the inside of the left leg a little below the hip. The bullet tore through the leg, shattering the bone and severing an artery. He was attended in Westminster by Dr. Craig of Walpole and Dr. Miner of Bellows Falls. Mr. Harris was brought to Brattleboro on the evening train. He was weak from the loss of blood and his condition was critical.

HUNTER SHOT IN FOOT BUT KEPT AFTER DEER
George F. Gibbs of Stowe Gave Up Chase Only After The Wound Began to Pain Him Severely When He Returned Home.

Stowe, Oct. 30.—George F. Gibbs of Stowe Hollow received a gun shot wound while hunting yesterday afternoon, which is very painful, though not of a serious nature.

CAUGHT IN ELEVATOR.
Brattleboro Boy May Have to Suffer Loss of One Leg.

Brattleboro, Oct. 30.—Daniel Curran, aged 19 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Curran, of Vermont street, was seriously injured shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday, when he attempted to jump from a moving freight elevator in the rear of the American building. He caught his right leg between the floor of the elevator and the side of the shaft, crushing and breaking it in two places, between the ankle and knee. Amputation may be necessary. He was taken to the Brattleboro Memorial hospital.

SMALL SHORTAGE WAS SOON MADE UP
But Postmaster Strickland of North Duxbury Was Arrested on The Charge of Converting and Embezzling Money.

Burlington, Oct. 30.—William R. Strickland, postmaster at North Duxbury, has been brought before U. S. Commissioner Martin S. Vilas by Deputy United States Marshal C. C. Graves of Waterbury, charged with converting and embezzling certain money order funds of the United States entrusted to him as postmaster. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$300, and George W. Morse of Waterbury was retained as bail before Commissioner Vilas for the appearance of the defendant at the term of United States court held in Rutland on November 15. It is understood that the offense of which Mr. Strickland stands charged is a technical one. The postoffice inspector found the accounts of Mr. Strickland less than \$300 short. He immediately made up the deficiency but under the law it became an embezzlement, hence the prosecution.

BETHEL.
A son was born Oct. 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Colton, who live on the Curtis farm.

The ladies of the Congregational church gave a harvest supper at the dining room of their church, Oct. 29.

A Lea Cady has moved his undertaking rooms from the upper story of the Courrier block to the addition recently built by W. H. Edmunds to the Sylvester block.

The young ladies of the Congregational church will give "A Business Man's Carnival," a copyrighted play by Virginia Sharp Patterson of Kokomo, Ind., in the near future. Fifty-seven business men of our town are to be represented by girls dressed in costume, and speeches, prose, rhyme, songs and jingle accompanied by tableaux, marches, etc.

FATALITY ON WAY TO RACE

Big Automobile Bucked a Cemetery Wall

IN EAST NEW YORK TODAY

William Burnett, a Chauffeur, Killed, and Miss Mary Crawford, a Passenger, Fatally Injured—Matson Won First Race.

Motor Parkway, L. I., Oct. 30.—Joe Matson, driving a Chalmers-Detroit "20" automobile, won the Massapequa sweepstakes in the Vanderbilt cup races today. His time for the 128.4 miles was two hours, nine minutes and 22.5 seconds. There were six cars entered in this race, three Maxwells, two Chalmers-Detroit, and one Hudson.

The first fatal accident of the race met did not take place on the race course, but on the road to the parkway. It happened early this morning when a big touring car crashed into a high cemetery wall in East New York. The chauffeur, William Burnett, was instantly killed, while Miss Mary Crawford, one of the passengers of the car, was probably fatally injured.

The races started at nine o'clock this morning, the first being the Massapequa sweepstakes, that to be followed by the "Whispering Willows" race, and then the Vanderbilt cup race.

FEAR GIRL IS A SUICIDE.
Elizabeth Porter Leaves Marblehead Hotel; Coat and Watch Found.

Boston, Oct. 30.—The finding of a coat and watch, last night, belonging to Miss Elizabeth Porter, 25 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Porter of Littleton, N. H., on a high cliff in Marblehead, leads the police and her relatives to fear that she has taken her own life. She disappeared from her room in the hotel Lester Wednesday night.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.
C. H. Stebbins of Woonsocket Gets in Range of Companion's Gun.

Oxford, Oct. 30.—C. H. Stebbins of Woonsocket, R. I., was accidentally shot in the head with a charge of bird shot by Albert Beaudette while hunting partridge near Oxford Heights yesterday. He was assisted to the home of Lawrence F. Kelly, where he is lying, and attended by Dr. J. R. Woodward. The shot was removed and no serious results are anticipated.

SWEPT OVER FALLS.
Raging Power Boat Will Be a Total Loss It Is Believed.

Bellows Falls, Oct. 30.—Split-the-Wind a racing power boat, broke away from her moorings and was blown over the falls yesterday.

MURDERER A SUICIDE.
James Miller's Body Was Found To-day.

South Braintree, Mass., Oct. 30.—The body of James Miller, who shot his wife on Thursday, was found in a swamp near the scene of the crime this morning with bullet wounds in his head, showing that he had committed suicide.

RANDOLPH.
Saturday evening the senior class of the high school will give a "Hallowe'en social" at Bethany parish house.

The Rochester club will hold its annual meeting on Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Minnie Carpenter.

The Blodgett auto which has been used as a stage from here to Randolph Center caught on fire from the muffler having broken and the oil getting on fire. A bucket brigade of citizens however came to its assistance and quickly extinguished the blaze with no serious damage as the result.

MORE DEER "BAGGED"

B. H. Humphrey Gets One of the Largest Brought to Barre.

B. H. Humphrey returned to-day from Waterbury, where he has been hunting for several days. He was successful in shooting one of the largest bucks that has been brought into this city since the season opened. The deer weighed 325 pounds after it was dressed. Edward Cook of Orange shot a 300-pound buck in that town yesterday and George Tilton of the same town got a large doe in the same locality at about the same time. B. A. Eastman, who has been hunting in West Fairlee since the opening of the season, telephoned yesterday that he had shot a large doe.

A party composed of B. W. Hooker, E. A. Prindle, Fritz Jackson, George Bond, A. P. Abbott, E. A. Brown, Frank McWhorter and H. F. Cutler, returned to-day from a several days' hunting trip to Essex county. E. A. Prindle and George Bond both shot bucks, while Fritz Jackson was successful in dropping a large doe.

Henry Bailey returned to-day from Middlesex, where he shot a large doe Thursday afternoon.

Two bucks and a doe were shipped into the city this afternoon on the 12:55 train. One of the bucks, weighing over 200 pounds, was shot by George Downey in Walden and the other buck was shot by P. O. Barrows of Waterbury. The doe was shot by E. A. Prindle in Middlesex, N. H.

Raymond Diemer of Barre Town went to Washington this morning hunting and shot a 145-pound buck.

VERMONT DAIRYMEN TO MEET IN BURLINGTON

40th Annual Meeting Will Be Held From January 4 to 6 and Speakers of National Reputation Will Attend.

Burlington, Oct. 30.—The 40th annual meeting of the Vermont State Dairymen's association will be held here in Armory hall January 4-6, 1910. Speakers of national reputation will be present. Silver cups will be given for the best samples of creamery and dairy butter which will be tested by an expert from the agricultural department at Washington. It is expected that a new feature will be introduced in short talks by the secretaries of the different dairymen's associations which will be followed by discussions. It is also expected that the dairymen's school will be in operation at the same time.

LESSON OF MORALS.

"School Is Instrument of Its Incultations."
Albany, N. Y., Oct. 30.—That the school of the college is an instrument for the daily inculcation of moral lessons was pointed out by Dr. John M. Thomas, president of Middlebury college, Vermont, in an address last night before the university convocation of the state on "Moral Education in High Schools and Colleges." Dr. Thomas said in part: "The school or the college is a powerful fitted for the manufacture of character and can meet the requirement of those who insist most sternly that it shall teach the young how to live. This it can best do, not by specific courses in moral instruction added to its regular work as an afterthought or an ornamental grace, but by pursuing its own end with a single eye, by pressing straight to its own goal, which is the adjustment of young lives to their environment in the world, through the impartation of knowledge. The essence of morals is the reference of reality, and education is the process of disabusing the mind of vague impressions and bringing it into contact with the truth. "An educated man is a contradiction in terms."

HELD FOR THEFT OF \$400.

Woonsocket Man Took Money Which Victim Received Under Will.

Concord, N. H., Oct. 30.—Henry Trudeau of Woonsocket, R. I., is under arrest here for attempting to rob a passenger on the Canadian Pacific express yesterday. The victim was Antoine Calier of Dover who had been to Montreal to get a bequest of \$400, left him by a sister. He had \$400 in an overcoat pocket and \$200 in a wallet in his trousers pocket.

Calier left his seat where the overcoat was thrown over the back, and on his return missed the \$400. He notified Conductor Titus and suspicion fell on Trudeau who occupied the seat next back.

When the train reached Concord Officer Christopher Wallace was called and placed Trudeau under arrest. When the prisoner got up \$340 was found in his seat. At the station house, while he was being searched, Trudeau pulled out from his boot a roll of \$350. This with the amount in the car, left \$290 unaccounted for.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

I. O. Wales returned to-day from a several days' hunting visit in Northfield. Elsie Campbell of Burlington is visiting at the home of Mrs. W. H. Jackson of North Main street.

A son weighing nine pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Eastman of 9 Eastern avenue, this morning.

William LeClair, who has been employed at the Pavilion in Montpelier for some time, is disabled at his home in Addison place in this city as the result of an inflamed knee.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day were F. A. Cushman, F. R. Edwards, North Ferrisburgh; George Carpentier, Winooski; P. G. Lamson, Boston; E. Matnot, New York; C. F. Morse, Burlington.

A. C. Freeman, who has driven one of L. B. Dodge's milk teams for three years, has decided to enter the medical department of the university of Vermont and was given a party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dodge last evening. There were present about 30 of his friends. The evening was passed with games and music and refreshments were served.

ORGANIZE NEW DEPARTMENT

Barre Labor Men Form Building Trade Section

OF CENTRAL LABOR UNION

Composed of Committees from Separate Unions Which Have Full Power to Settle All Differences Which May Arise.

At the regular meeting of the Central Labor Union of Barre and vicinity last evening, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: President, Alex. Ironside, granite cutters' union.

Vice president, Wesley Hoffman, cigar makers'.

Financial and corresponding secretary, James Mutch, tool sharpeners'; H. J. Houghton of the clerks'; S. E. Perry of the lumpers and boxers' and D. J. Sullivan of the cutters'.

Auditors, D. J. Sullivan of the cutters', George C. Stewart of the cutters', and John Kesson of the painters'. Librarian, Milo E. Bassett.

The executive committee of the C. L. U. was instructed to find a suitable room for the purpose of accommodating the committees of the C. L. U., namely, the label committee, the organization committee, and the executive committee, as well as for the building trade department which is being organized at the present time. The building trade department is composed of granite cutters, carpenters, painters, bricklayers and masons and plumbers' unions. Each one of these unions is represented by a committee which has full power to settle all difficulties that may arise in the building craft.

CALED TO MAINE.

Fred C. Eaton Got Word of His Father's Death Last Evening.

Fred C. Eaton of Hill street received a telegram to-day announcing the death of his father, Charles H. Eaton, at Calais, Me., last evening at 5:15 o'clock, and he left Barre this noon for Calais. He stated that his father had been in failing health for the past two years.

Charles H. Eaton was born in Milltown, N. B., 75 years ago, but had been a resident of the state of Maine for a great many years, being engaged in the lumbering business. His wife died some years ago. He has three brothers and one sister, the latter, Mary, residing in Boston; one brother, Bradley Eaton, being a business man in New York City, and the other two brothers residing in Maine. Two sons, besides Fred C. Eaton of this city, survive him, they being Albin H. of Calais, and Charles F. of Princeton, Me.; also one daughter, Mrs. Nellie C. Edgewood of Fredericton, N. B. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. The interment will be at St. Stephen, N. B.

JUVENILE COURT HELD.

One Boy Fined for Not Returning Stick Pin and Two Boys Go Free.

John Newman, who was arrested on the charge of the larceny of a stick pin at the Hotel Otis, where he was employed as a bellboy, pleaded guilty to the charge in city court this morning and paid a fine of \$5 with costs of \$6.60. The boy said he found the pin on the floor while sweeping and did not try to find the owner.

The case against Louis Filippino and John Calvero, the 9 and 10 years old boys who were arrested for setting fire to the tail of a horse several weeks ago, was not pressed this morning by the grand juror, who thought the boys, on account of their age, had been punished enough so they would not do it again.

IN COUNTY COURT.

The State vs. Taylor Case Dragging Into Next Week.

The direct examination in the case of Elton Taylor of Barre, charged with adultery, was taken up in county court this afternoon. The defense, with its witnesses is attempting to prove an alibi. Taylor was on the stand yesterday afternoon and claimed that he was in Barre on May 1 and 15, the days he was alleged to have been in Worcester. It is expected that the case will go to the jury by Tuesday of next week.

NOTICE—OWLS.

Everything Ready For Institution of Barre Nest Tomorrow.

The Barre Nest Order of Owls will be installed in Woodman hall Sunday (tomorrow). Meeting is called for between two and three p. m.

Over 300 names are on the applications and everything looks promising for a good time. Mr. B. R. Canfield, the organizer received word today that between 30 and 40 of the Burlington owls and about 15 of the St. Albans Nest will be present with real live goats. After the initiation of candidates there will be a social session convoked and a number of specialties, songs and recitations will be heard while supper is being served. Mr. Canfield has engaged special people for the program. Riley's orchestra will furnish music. Those who are intending being present having a friend wanting to be an Owl can bring them along.

Bambini.

Avete veduto la nostra nelle vetrine del nostro negozio? La nostra commessa italiana sarà lì a ricevere spagnardi in quasi modo potete diventare il fortunato possessore. The Homer Fitta Co.